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For: COMPOSITION FOR SELECTIVELY ETCHING AGAINST COBALT SILICIDE (As Amended)

the mineral acid is selected from the group consisting of HCl diluted to 37% by weight in deionized water, HNO_3 diluted to 70% by weight in deionized water, H_2SO_4 diluted to 96% by weight in deionized water, H_3PO_4 diluted to 85% by weight in deionized water, and HF diluted to 49% by weight in deionized water, wherein the peroxide is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide diluted to 29% by weight in deionized water, and ozone.